

## ABSTRACT

A decorative aquatic aeration system as found in residential gardens or the like having: an impervious liner defining a sump and confining a quantity of water, a skimmer basin located within the sump adapted to receive surface water into the basin from the pond, a catch net disposed within the skimmer basin, a cover affixed over a major portion of the catch basin, a bottom drain disposed along the bottom of the sump, a quantity of filter rock filling the pond externally of the basin and overlying the cover and the perforated conduit, and a submersible pump housed within the basin and pumping water from the basin and the perforated conduit to a aerated return path to the sump. Aquatic plants are rooted in the filter rock to aid in processing the water drawn through the rocks into the pump.